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### FORM FOR A BEQUEST.

“ I give and bequeath to the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society, incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Maine,..... [here insert the amount] to be, by my said Executor, paid over to the Treasurer of said Society, in ..... days [or months] after my decease, to be used for the purposes for which said Society was incorporated [or for the permanent fund].”

In giving real estate, the word “devise” should be used after “bequeath.”

# MANUAL.

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This pamphlet is a manual for persons wishing to engage in missionary work under the direction of the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society, for appointed missionaries before they shall have entered their fields of labor, and for other purposes.

It will serve instead of many written and verbal answers to inquiries which must otherwise be made to the Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer.

Candidates for Foreign Missionary work will be expected to be acquainted with the contents of these pages.

## I. *Qualifications of a Missionary Candidate.*

1. Decided, enlightened, and uniform piety ; correct views of the great doctrines and duties of Christianity ; strong love for Christ, and the souls of men ; and consistent habits in daily walk with God, in the duties of the closet, and in conversation and conduct in intercourse with Christian brethren, and before the world.

2. A conviction of the duty of going in person to the heathen, with a strong love for the work of missions.

3. Good common sense, a sound judgment, and a quick discernment and good knowledge of human character.

4. An amiable and kind disposition.

5. Firmness of character, with patience, perseverance, and cheerfulness.

6. Industry, economy, faithfulness, punctuality and thoroughness.

7. Good bodily health, and the prospect of retaining it in the field in which he desires to labor.

8. Good intellectual abilities, studious habits, readiness in acquiring languages, a mind well furnished with useful knowledge, and trained to use its powers to good advantage.

9. A willingness to labor in any department as directed by the Mission Committee in the field under the authority of the Executive Board.

10. A character irreproachable and under no cloud from the past.

11. Such attainments in all the branches of theological learning as would give him a respectable standing among the intelligent pastors of our churches. In ordinary cases it is expected that those who enter the missionary service will do so with the intention of remaining in it through life.

The foregoing qualifications are also requisite in women, whether married or unmarried, who go out as missionaries, so far as they apply to their sphere of labor.

## II. *Application for Appointment to Missionary Service.*

Any one deciding to seek an appointment as a foreign missionary should apply in writing to the Corresponding Secretary. The applicant should give a brief history of himself, as to his age, residence, early education, habits, and employments, his religious experience, and his views and motives in desiring the missionary work. He should state particularly whether he has a sound constitution, and is in good general health, or the contrary ; whether he is in debt, or expects to be so when his studies are completed ; whether he expects to go as a married or a single man ; also any particulars respecting himself which he thinks the Executive Board ought to know in acting upon his offer of service. This paper should be as brief as circumstances will permit, and drawn up with great frankness on the part of the applicant. He may expect the Secretary to use a corresponding frankness towards him. He should not feel himself to be unkindly treated if told that his prospect of success in missionary work will not justify his being sent to engage in it ; nor ought he to regard such a reply as dictated by any other motives than a regard to his highest usefulness, and to the best interests of the cause of Christ.

Those who desire to go as the wives of missionaries, may make the offer or application through their intended husbands.



### III. *Testimonials of Applicants.*

Applications for appointment should be accompanied with testimonials respecting character and qualifications, as named under the head of Qualifications of a Missionary Candidate, the testimonials to be furnished by the pastor or deacons of the church to which the applicant belongs, or where he is in the habit of attending worship. Professors or teachers of literary and theological institutions where he may have studied, and the ecclesiastical body by which he was licensed or ordained, are proper sources from which to obtain testimonials. The testimonials should be full, minute, and explicit. They should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, by the writers, in sealed envelopes, the contents being unknown to the applicants.

### IV. *Questions to Missionary Applicants.*

As those who apply for appointment as foreign missionaries will be expected to answer the following questions, they should carefully consider them, so as to be prepared to answer when they are questioned.

1. What, in your view, are the leading doctrines and precepts of the Bible?

2. Have you doubts respecting any of the doctrines held by Free Baptists?

3. What are your views of religion as a matter of experience ; and of the work of the Holy Spirit on the heart? Why do you think you are renewed by the Holy Spirit?



4. In what view does it seem to you to be important that the Gospel should be preached to the heathen ; and on what grounds are Christians under obligation to send it to them ?

5. Why do you desire to engage in missionary work ?

6. What are your views and your purpose relative to entering into the missionary work for life ?

7. What is your age ? What is your native place ? Where has been your residence ? In what business have you been engaged ?

8. What course of education have you pursued ; and what knowledge have you of the Latin, Greek, or Hebrew languages ; or of any foreign language ? Do you easily acquire languages ?

9. What is the state of your health ? Are you aware of being now or of having been subject to any bodily ailment or infirmity ? Are your habits sedentary, or active ?

10. Are any near relatives so dependent on you, or likely to become so, that you are under obligation to make provision for their support ?

11. If under engagement, expressed or implied, with a view to marriage, does your intended wife enter fully into your views and feelings with regard to the missionary work ? Has she a good constitution and good health ?

12. Is there anything in the organization or Rules of the Society, or in the organization or manner of conducting the mission, which you disapprove, or which would prevent your laboring happily in connection with the Society, and in conformity to its regulations ?

### V. *The Mission Committee.*

1. The Executive Board shall appoint a committee of missionaries in the field, to be called the Mission Committee, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board, and who shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board from time to time may determine.

2. The said committee shall be duly organized with a Chairman, to be appointed by itself, and a Secretary and Treasurer, to be appointed by the Executive Board.

3. Remittances for the mission shall be made to the Treasurer of the Mission Committee, who shall be held accountable to the Society for the disbursements.

4. All correspondence between this committee and the Executive Board shall be conducted by the Secretary of the said committee.

5. Funds not otherwise appropriated by the Executive Board, shall be paid out only on the approval of the said committee.

6. The said committee shall appoint a person to represent the Society at each station and at the Bible School, who shall receive and pay out all moneys of the Mission at that station, and for the work connected with it, and report the same to its Treasurer.

7. Through the Society's representative, chosen for that purpose, each missionary must make an annual report to the Treasurer of the Mission Committee, of the money received from all sources, and of all the items of expenditure, with a careful estimate of appropriations necessary for the ensuing year.

8. The Treasurer of the Mission Committee shall send annually to the Executive Board an accurate statement of receipts and expenditures at each station, with a careful estimate of appropriations necessary for the ensuing year.

## VI. *The Appointment and its Consequences.*

1. The missionary engages, on accepting his appointment, to conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, the nature of which he is supposed distinctly to understand. He thus pledges himself, among other things, to be governed by the vote of the Mission Committee in regard to all questions that arise in its proceedings, said proceedings being subject to the revision of the Executive Board. He comes, also, under other distinct and well-understood pledges: (1) As to his *manner of life*; which is to be one of exemplary piety and devotion to his work. (2) As to his *teaching*; which must be conformed to the doctrines of the Bible. (3) As to *ecclesiastical usages*; which must conform, substantially, to the usages of the churches at home.

2. Candidates who have received their appointment can not begin to draw upon the Treasury for their expenses, except by the direction of the Executive Board.

3. The Society does not pay the debts of missionaries contracted before their appointment, nor those which they contract afterwards.

4. It is a general usage not to pay any part of the expenses incurred by the candidate in the regular preparatory course of study for his profession.

5. No candidate should, after his appointment, pursue any course involving expense on the part of the Society, unless expressly authorized to do so. Nor should he leave the country till all his debts are paid, or arranged for, to the satisfaction of the Board.

6. The salary of a man and his wife is eight hundred dollars a year, of a single man five hundred, and of a single woman four hundred.

7. The missionary's salary commences on his reaching the field, and ends when he leaves it. The Society pays the price of passage to the field, and that of returning from it when the return is authorized.

8. The field of labor of each missionary shall be determined by the Executive Board. Temporary changes may be made by the Mission Committee.

9. ALL MATTERS OF BUSINESS IN THE FIELD REQUIRING THE ATTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, MUST COME OFFICIALLY FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY.

10. The fact should never be lost sight of, that the Society, its officers and committees, have the same object in view and the same interests as the missionaries. Their object and their interest are nothing else than to render the mission and missionaries in connection with the Society as useful as possible.



## VII. *Marriage.*

1. It should be borne in mind that good health is important in the wife of a missionary, and that without it all other qualifications will be almost useless.

2. A minister does not more need intellectual and moral cultivation and finished manners in a wife at home, than in a foreign field, where she is almost his only companion and adviser.

3. Single missionaries should not marry until about the time of their departure.

## VIII. *Ordination.*

When a missionary has received official notice of his appointment, it is left with himself and his friends, or with the church or ecclesiastical body with which he is connected, to make arrangements for his ordination. Care should be taken that the time, place, manner, and all the circumstances, be such as to give no just cause for dissatisfaction in any quarter, and such as in the highest degree possible will promote the interests of the missionary cause.

## IX. *Allowances.*

The following sums may be expected as allowances at the discretion of the Executive Board :—

1. Allowance for outfit :—

(a) Man and wife, four hundred dollars.

(b) Single missionary, two hundred dollars.

(c) Each child over two years of age and under twelve, fifty dollars.

2. Allowance for children of missionaries in the field: five dollars a month for each child; this appropriation to be continued until they arrive at the age of seventeen years, unless some other means for their support shall become available at an earlier age.

3. Such incidental expenses as may be approved by the Executive Board, will be allowed by the Mission Committee.

4. Allowances for superannuated and disabled missionaries.

When superannuated or disabled missionaries, or the widows of missionaries return to this country with the approbation of the Executive Board, it shall be the duty of the Board to make such grants towards their support as the circumstances in each case shall require.

Extraordinary cases excepted, after the lapse of a year from their return, no grant is to be made to missionaries who are able to labor, but are not expected to go back to their missionary work.

## X. *Outfit.*

The outfit of a missionary includes the clothing, bedding, etc., for his use on arriving at his place of destination, together with a *select* private library, and the necessary furniture for housekeeping.

Some portion of the furniture can ordinarily be procured in the country to which he is going. Should it resemble the furniture used by the natives, so much



the better, if it can be rendered convenient, as that will make both him and his house more agreeable to them.

Necessary traveling expenses preparatory to embarkation, and the cost of passage, though paid by the Board, are not included in the outfit.

It is desirable that the relatives and personal friends of the candidate should, so far as they are able and disposed, aid in furnishing the outfit. Of course, those pious parents who would have aided their children with funds to commence housekeeping, had they been married with a view to residing in this country, will not withhold their aid because their children become missionaries.

Application should never be made to an auxiliary society for aid in procuring outfit, nor for any extra allowance beyond what is given by the Society. If the allowance made by the Society is not large enough, it ought to be increased. If it is sufficient, the auxiliary ought not to be requested to enlarge it. Besides, irregularities of this kind will lead to evils without end.

Well-made boxes of medium size are ordinarily more convenient than trunks for packing clothing. The boxes should be numbered, and a list made of every article contained in each. Things to be used on the voyage should be packed separately, and marked accordingly. Everything should be at the place of embarkation some days before the time set for the departure.

It is well to seek advice, but one should make out a list for himself, as the result of his own reflections.

Every missionary, knowing a few facts, and exercising some thought on the subject, can form a satisfactory opinion as to what he will require. He needs to know the length of the voyage, the climates he is to pass through, and that no washing is done at sea. He can then judge what he will need for the voyage, and his wife can do the same for herself.

The number of articles to be used on the voyage should be as few as possible, yet sufficient, with a few extras for sickness. In warm weather more changes will be necessary than in cold.

Thick clothing, somewhat worn, will be found useful on shipboard and in traveling.

In determining what articles of clothing shall be taken for the voyage, and for use after reaching the field, one should proceed methodically, beginning with the outer garment, and noting down how many will be needed—thick and thin, coarse and fine, woolen, cotton, etc.

A lady should take the same course in respect to her clothing. As a general rule, clothing should be warmer for winter and cooler for summer than in the same temperature in this country.

In making the purchases, one should also see at every step that he is not running beyond his available means.

All articles of clothing and bedding one has on hand should be taken, also any choice articles of furniture; but as much of the allowance as possible should be reserved for expenses on arrival, as nearly all that a mis-

sionary needs may be obtained at reasonable rates in Calcutta. One should bear in mind that baggage to the extent of twenty cubic feet is allowed each person free of charge. Anything beyond that amount is subject to extra charge on the passage.

The outfit of a missionary is regarded as the property of the Society so far as purchased with its funds ; and in case a missionary retires from the field within a limited period for other cause than failure of health, it is expected that an equitable return will be made to the Society—due regard being had to expenses incurred and services rendered.

#### XI. *Presents.*

1. Missionaries are not required to account to the Society for presents of a *strictly private* character ; but all donations and subscriptions they may receive as *missionaries*, belong to the Society's funds, and must be credited accordingly.

2. Presents designed as *personal favors* to missionaries, should be distinctly named as such by the donors.

#### XII. *The Duty of a New Missionary upon Arrival.*

A new missionary shall confer with his fellow-laborers, and endeavor to profit by their counsel and experience. He should by no means attempt to dictate to those who have been in the field long enough to know better than he can, on his arrival, what is the best course in relation to the affairs of the mission. Any

one may make inquiries or suggestions in relation to matters concerning any part of the missionary work, but never should this be done in a way to excite suspicion that the inquiries and suggestions are made through a sense of superiority in ability and judgment over any other laborer.

### XIII. *Returned Missionaries.*

1. When for any reason it is deemed best by the Mission Committee that a missionary should return, the case must be stated to the Executive Board ; and if the reasons are satisfactory, permission will be given and funds remitted for return. But when illness is too severe to allow of the delay that would be caused by consulting the Executive Board, the Mission Committee, if it sanction a return, is authorized to use any funds at its command for the return passage.

2. When a missionary returns to this country in accordance with the rules of the Society, he should early seek an interview with the Executive Board, who will consult with him in relation to the course he shall pursue while he remains here.

3. Every missionary in this country who expects to return to the field shall be under the authority of the Executive Board.

### XIV. *The Bible School.*

1. The Bible School, founded in 1878 and opened at Midnapore, India, May 1, 1879, shall be under the



direction of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the members of the Mission Committee, and of such other persons as it may appoint.

2. The Principal of said School shall be chosen by the Executive Board.

3. The Trustees of said School are hereby authorized to make all rules and regulations for its management, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

#### XV. *Miscellaneous.*

1. Money received by this Society shall be appropriated according to the wish of the donors, either for the immediate benefit of the Society, or to increase its permanent fund.

2. No missionary of the Society shall engage in any transactions or employments that will interfere with missionary work.

3. The missionaries are regarded as having an equitable claim upon the churches in whose behalf they go among the heathen, for an economical support while performing their missionary labors; and it shall be the duty of the Society to see that a fair and equitable allowance is made to them, taking into view their actual circumstances.

4. Public appeals for special departments of work shall not be made by the missionaries, unless authorized by the Mission Committee, and approved by the Executive Board.

5. From the time of his appointment, the missionary must keep the Corresponding Secretary informed

where letters will find him at the shortest possible notice. This may be very important, as his departure may, by various means, be either hastened or delayed.

6. All property in India belonging to the Mission, shall be held for the Society, in trust, by five Trustees, appointed, one each year, by the Executive Board. The said trustees shall report annually the items, value, and condition of the property held by them.

7. It is desirable that missionaries should take a vacation of from two to four weeks each year, with the approval of the Mission Committee. Said committee is authorized to allow the necessary traveling expenses ; but, in case of a sea voyage, only such expenses should be allowed as are above the ordinary cost of living in the mission.



FREE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

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The Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society was organized in the fall of 1832, in the Free Baptist meeting-house at North Parsonsfield, Maine. Rev. John Buzzell preached in this house many years. It is not now standing. In the winter of the following year—Jan. 29, 1833,—the Society received its charter from the Maine Legislature. The first meeting under this charter was held March 6, 1833, in the house in which the Society was organized. The second meeting under the charter was held at the same place three days after. At this meeting a constitution was adopted, and the first officers of the Society were chosen.

The first annual meeting of the Society was held at North Parsonsfield, Sept. 14, 1833; the second at the same place, Sept. 23, 1834; and the third at Moderation Mills, Buxton, Me., Sept. 23, 1835.

The first missionaries sent out by the Society were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Noyes, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Phillips, who sailed from Boston in the ship *Louvre*, Sept. 22, 1835. Rev. Amos Sutton, D. D., English General Baptist Missionary in India, who came from India to America in the spring of 1833, in the interests of Foreign Missions, accompanied them.

The following are the names of the Presidents, Recording Secretaries, Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Society, from the time of the organiza-

tion of the Society under its charter until the present time, the years in which they were chosen being prefixed :—

*Presidents.*

In 1833, John Buzzell; 1847, Enoch Place; 1848, Jonathan Woodman; 1851, Arthur Caverno; 1852, Dexter Waterman; 1856, John Stevens; 1858, Charles O. Libby; 1861, Theodore Stevens; 1868, Ebenezer Knowlton; 1874, James Rand; 1883, Joseph McLeod; 1886, Oren B. Cheney.

*Recording Secretaries.*

In 1833, Samuel Beede; 1834, Hosea Quinby; 1842, Daniel P. Cilley; 1845, Gorham P. Ramsey; 1848, Oren B. Cheney; 1853, Frederic Moulton; 1858, David P. Harriman; 1864, DeWitt C. Durgin; 1874, Charles S. Perkins; 1878, P. W. Perry; 1879, A. C. Hogbin; 1880, Oren B. Cheney; 1886, Alfred W. Anthony.

*Corresponding Secretaries.*

In 1833, Samuel Burbank; 1834, Amos Sutton; 1835, Daniel P. Cilley; 1837, Enoch Mack; 1842, Elias Hutchins; 1859, O. R. Bacheler; 1862, C. O. Libby; 1876, J. L. Phillips; 1878, Charles S. Perkins; 1883, Thomas H. Stacy.

*Treasurers.*

In 1833, I. N. Sanborn; 1837, William Burr; 1867, C. O. Libby; 1876, Nahum Brooks; 1878, Silas Curtis; 1881, Moses B. Smith; 1883, E. N. Fernald; 1885, Arthur Given.

## REMARKS.

Let all those who read this Manual, remember: —

1. That our Lord Jesus Christ established missions.
2. That the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society was organized for the purpose of obeying our Lord's command.
3. That the Executive Board seeks to act in accordance with the will of Christ.
4. That the supreme aim of the Mission Committee is the advancement of Christ's kingdom.
5. That individual missionaries are persons who, actuated by like principles, forsake all to follow Christ.
6. That this Manual, with its requirements and suggestions, is designed for the same end,—the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of men, according to our Master's will.

## THE CHARTER.

STATE OF MAINE.

*In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.*

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, that John Buzzell, Hosea Quinby, William Moulton, Jr., Moses Sweat, David Mudgett, Elisha Wadleigh, Jr., Benjamin McKenney, and Pelatiah Ricker, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated into a company, by the name of the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society, with powers to prosecute and defend suits at law; to use a common seal; to establish any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State; and to take, hold, and convey any estates, real or personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars: *provided*, that the powers herein granted may be restrained, enlarged, or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

SECT. 2. Be it further enacted, that said Society may elect in the manner specified in their by-laws, all such officers as they may deem necessary; and all deeds, grants, agreements, made in behalf of said corporation, may be sealed with the common seal and signed by such officer or officers as said by-laws may designate. And any three of the persons above named may call the first meeting of said Society, upon giving such notice as they may think suitable.

SECT. 3. Be it further enacted, that all the estate of said Society, both real and personal, shall be used and improved to the best advantage; and the income thereof, with such part of the principal as the appropriate officers of the Society may think proper, together with the annual subscriptions, donations, and contributions, which may be made to the Society, shall be applied to the sole use and purpose of diffusing Christian knowledge, by means of Foreign Missions, in such manner as the Society may judge will best promote the design of their corporation.

In the House of Representatives, Jan. 26, 1833. This bill, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

NATHAN CLIFFORD, *Speaker*.

In Senate, Jan. 28, 1833. This bill, having had two several readings, passed to be enacted.

FRANCIS O. J. SMITH, *President*.

Jan. 29, 1833. Approved.

SAMUEL E. SMITH, *Governor*.

## First Amendment to the Charter.

### STATE OF MAINE.

*In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.*

AN ACT ADDITIONAL TO "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled.*

SECTION 1. That the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society be authorized and empowered to hold its annual meeting, or meetings, for business, in any State of these United States; and all business transacted at such meetings as may be held in other States, shall be legal as though held in this State: *provided*, always, that legal notice of all such meetings shall be given the same as if held in this State.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved, Feb. 19, 1868.

J. L. CHAMBERLAIN, *Governor*.

## Second Amendment to the Charter.

### STATE OF MAINE.

*In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE FREEWILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.



*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, as follows:—*

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and ninety-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and thirty-three, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society," as amended by chapter five hundred and thirty-five of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, is amended as follows: Said corporation shall have the power to take, hold, and convey any estate, real or personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. In addition to the power granted in the foregoing section, the said corporation shall have the right to take, hold, and convey, estates, real or personal, for the purpose of establishing and managing a school, college, or other institution of learning, in any foreign country.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall hereafter be known and designated as the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society; but no rights of property shall be disturbed or affected by said change of name, and all gifts, bequests, conveyances, or proceedings, in which the corporation is described as the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society shall be as valid and effectual as if the said corporation was described as the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, and adopted by vote of the corporation.

Approved, Jan. 26, 1883.

FREDERICK ROBIE, *Governor.*

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Oct. 8, 1883.

At a legal meeting of the foregoing corporation, held this day at the Free Baptist church in this city, at two of the clock in the afternoon, the act entitled "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Freewill Baptist Foreign Mission Society," approved Jan. 26, 1883, was unanimously adopted.

Attest:

O. B. CHENEY, *Recording Secretary.*



## THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The object of this society shall be to diffuse a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the world, to the end that all men may believe on him and be saved.

ART. 2. The membership shall consist first of delegates from such churches of Christ, or associations of Christians, as hold to salvation through faith and believers' baptism, the same having been approved by a vote of the Society, and having contributed \$100 to its fund during the current year: *provided*, that one delegate only shall be sent by each church or association; and second, of any person who has been accepted by vote, and who has paid during the year \$20 into the treasury. Any person may be a member one year, on being accepted by vote and paying \$2 into the treasury of the Society.

ART. 3. At least fourteen days' notice shall be given of all meetings of this Society that may be held, both annual and special, in some paper published in the State of Maine.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, six Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor, who shall be chosen at the annual meeting of the Society this year, 1883, and shall hold their respective offices for three years, or until others shall be chosen in their stead. There shall also be an Executive Board of fifteen, of which the President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary of the Society shall be members *ex officio*; and the other twelve shall be chosen at the annual meeting this year, 1883, the first four to hold their office until the annual meeting of 1884, the second four until that of 1885, and the third four until that of 1886; and at the annual meeting of 1884, and at every annual meeting thereafter, there shall be chosen four members of this Board to hold office until the third annual meeting from the time of their election. And in case the Society shall at any annual meeting neglect to fill any of the vacancies occurring in the Board, the person or persons whose term of office had expired, shall be continued in office until such time as the Society shall determine.

ART. 5. The President shall be President of the Executive Board. He shall also preside in all meetings of the Society, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside; and in case of the absence of all the Vice-Presidents, the Recording Secretary, or some member of the Society, shall call the Society to order, when a President *pro tem.* shall be chosen.

ART. 6. The Recording Secretary shall be duly qualified, and he shall keep an accurate record of the doings of the Society, and certify that the same is true.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, under the direction of the Executive Board, to conduct the correspondence upon all subjects relating to the missions of the Society and to prepare the annual report for the Society.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall be duly qualified, and shall give bonds to the Society in a sum satisfactory to the Executive Board. He shall take charge of the funds belonging to the Society, and keep an accurate account of the same. He shall, under the direction of the Executive Board, make all investments of the funds of the Society that need to be invested, and shall, under the direction of the Executive Board, sign all deeds, bonds, and other papers by which the Society is to become legally bound.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the Treasurer's books and papers at least once a year, and make a report of his examination to the Executive Board.

ART. 10. The Executive Board shall have power to act for and in behalf of the Society from one annual meeting to another; and it shall make a report of its doings to the Society at every annual meeting, and at such other times as the Society may require; it shall choose its own Secretary, call all meetings of the Society, both annual and special, and fill all vacancies occurring in the Board and in the offices of the Society. All members of the Board shall be notified of all meetings of the Board, and five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 11. The Society shall meet annually for the transaction of business, and at such other times as the Executive Board may determine.

ART. 12. Fifteen members of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. 13. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society, annual or special, by vote of two-thirds of

the members present : *provided*, that the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to the Society at a previous meeting, by some member of the Society ; or, in lieu thereof, shall have been presented in writing by some member of the Society to the Recording Secretary, at least one month prior to the time of holding said regular meeting, it being hereby made the duty of said Recording Secretary to immediately cause said amendment to be published in a paper widely circulated among the members of the Society : *and provided also*, that any and all amendments recommended by the Executive Board may be acted upon by the Society without previous notice or publication.

ART. 14. Any constitution, law, regulation, or vote of the Society, inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, is hereby rescinded.

## THE MISSION FIELD.

Our foreign field is situated in Bengal, British India. The port to which our missionaries sail is Calcutta, and the passage is made *via* England and the Suez Canal. The usual length of voyage is from six to seven weeks, according to time required for making connections in England, where the traveler has to change ships. Only steamships take this route, sailing ships still going around the Cape of Good Hope.

Our India field occupies the two districts of Midnapore and Balasore, and contiguous portions of two or three adjoining districts. It covers an area of more than seven thousand square miles, and the population will not fall short of three and a half million souls. The people are Hindus, Mohammedans and a jungle tribe called Santals. The Hindus of Balasore speak the Oriya language, the vernacular of the province of Orissa, of which Balasore is the northern district. The Hindus of Midnapore speak Bengali, the language of Bengal. The Mohammedans, speak these two languages to some extent, but their own favorite language is the Hindustani. The Santals have no written language, but their wild, beautiful tongue has been reduced to writing by the missionaries, and books for their use are printed in the Bengali and Roman characters.

The principal stations now occupied in this field are Midnapore, Balasore, Bhimpore, Jellasore and Santi-

pore. The work of the missionaries consists of preaching the Gospel, teaching or superintending schools, printing Scriptures and school books, and healing the sick. The *Mission Press* and the Bible School for training native helpers are located at Midnapore. The names of the present staff of missionaries, together with the church and educational statistics for the year ending March, 1886, are here appended.

\* POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE MISSIONARIES.

Dr. O. R. Bachelier, Midnapore.	Miss H. P. Phillips, Balasore.
Mrs. O. R. Bachelier, Midnapore.	Miss I. O. Phillips, Balasore.
Rev. T. W. Burkholder, Midnapore.	Mrs. D. F. Smith, Balasore.
Mrs. T. W. Burkholder, Midnapore.	Dr. J. L. Phillips, Howard, R. I.,
Rev. M. J. Coldren, Bhadrack.	Mrs. J. L. Phillips, Howard, R. I.,
Mrs. M. J. Coldren, Bhadrack.	[U. S. A.]
Miss L. Coombs, Midnapore.	Miss Ella M. Butts, Midnapore.
Rev. F. D. George, Midnapore.	Dr. H. M. Bachelier, Midnapore.
Mrs. F. D. George, Midnapore.	Mrs. H. M. Bachelier, Midnapore
Rev. B. F. Griffin, Balasore.	Rev. A. P. Boyer, Midnapore.
Mrs. B. F. Griffin, Balasore.	Mrs. A. P. Boyer, Midnapore.
Mrs. H. C. Phillips, Jellasure.	Miss J. B. Hooper, Midnapore.
	Miss N. M. Phillips, Jellasure.

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\* Write India, via Brindisi, after each address.



# CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	ADDED BY BAPTISM.	ADDED BY LETTER.	DISMISSED BY LETTER.	EXCLUDED.	DIED.	RESIDENT MEMBERS.	NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.	TOTAL OF COMMUNICANTS.	NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS. Rs. 16 8AOP	SABBATH-SCHOOL SCHOLARS.	NATIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.
Babaigadia . . . . .	1880	4	.	.	.	.	17	11	28	Rs. 16 8AOP	90	34
Balasore . . . . .	1838	2	8	.	4	3	151	15	166	172 12 0	316	341
Bhimpore . . . . .	1874	8	.	.	4	1	78	12	90	111 6 0	1,631	186
Dantoon . . . . .	1880	.	.	.	.	1	14	12	26	26 12 0	40	36
Gadalata . . . . .	1884	.	.	.	1	.	13	.	13	4 8 0	78	28
Jellasure . . . . .	1840	.	2	.	1	3	51	4	55	69 3 0	140	132
Midnapore . . . . .	1863	2	5	3	1	.	49	18	67	150 14 6	442	115
Palasbani . . . . .	1880	.	.	.	.	1	12	4	16	14 0 0	107	27
Santipore . . . . .	1867	.	1	1	3	2	87	10	97	29 9 3	60	186
9		16	16	4	14	11	472	86	558	Rs. 585 8 9	2,904	1,085



# EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

STATIONS.	SCHOOLS.	CHRIS- TIAN PUPILS.	HINDUS.	MAHOM- MEDANS.	SANTALS.	TOTAL PUPILS.
Balasore,	Boys' Middle Vernacular School . . . . .	40	44	8	.	93
	Girls' Lower Vernacular School . . . . .	40	.	.	.	40
	Six Primary Schools for Girls . . . . .	.	238	4	.	242
	Zenana Schools . . . . .	.	106	14	.	120
	European School . . . . .	13	.	.	.	13
Bhadrack, Chandbali, Metrapore, Jellasure,	The Village Primary School . . . . .	11	6	.	.	17
	The Mission School . . . . .	.	32	16	.	48
	The Christian Village Primary School . . . . .	10	16	.	.	26
	Girls' Orphanage and Middle Vernacular School, Three Village Primary Schools . . . . .	50	49	1	.	100
	Zenana School . . . . .	.	109	.	.	109
Santipore,	The Christian Village School . . . . .	58	.	12	.	12
	Three Village Primary Schools . . . . .	.	35	.	25	118
	The Industrial School, Higher Primary . . . . .	16	84	.	6	90
	Ten Ragged Schools . . . . .	.	45	22	23	106
	The Zenana Schools . . . . .	.	278	19	15	312
Midnapore,	Girls' English School . . . . .	.	148	28	.	176
	The Bible School . . . . .	9	3	.	.	12
	The Santal Training School . . . . .	*40	.	.	.	40
	Sixty-three Santal Village Schools . . . . .	39	6	.	70	115
	Four Village Primary Schools . . . . .	54	206	.	1,371	1,631
Bhimpore, Palasbani, Babaigadia, Dainmari,	Two Village Primary Schools . . . . .	4	25	.	20	49
	Two Village Primary Schools . . . . .	8	42	.	20	70
	Two Village Primary Schools . . . . .	2	15	.	8	25
		394	1,487	124	1,558	3,563

\*This includes the students' wives and a few Zenana and Ragged School teachers.





